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# No 'Dalton Days,' says Duncan

**Finance Minister Dwight Duncan insists there will be no unpaid "Dalton Days" for Ontario civil servants, allaying fears sparked by Premier Dalton McGuinty.**

One day after McGuinty refused to rule out the possibility of a return to what were known as "Rae Days" in the recessionary 1990s, it was left to Duncan to do damage control.

"We're not doing them," the Finance minister said yesterday. "I'm saying right now we will not be doing anything like that."

Duncan, who will introduce a $100-billion budget within the next four weeks with a deficit of $5 billion to $10 billion, scrambled to reassure anxious public sector workers.

"That sort of component is not necessary," he said, imploring Ontarians to await the fine print of his recession-fighting budget.

"We'll lay out a whole plan that deals with, first of all, the short-term challenges all governments around the world are faced with, and then we'll also talk about what we need to do in the longer term."

McGuinty was asked repeatedly about the likelihood of "Dalton Days" during an interview with the Toronto Star on Tuesday and would not rule out the possibility.

Wayne Samuelson, president of the Ontario Federation of Labour, said he was "relieved" McGuinty is not resurrecting the controversial scheme.

"It certainly is the wrong way to go — if somehow all workers taking a little less is supposed to save the economy, when (what) we need [is] … government leadership on a whole range of issues," said Samuelson.

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### Rae Days

- Former Ontario NDP premier Bob Rae, architect of the 1993 "social contract" that forced public service employees to take 12 days of unpaid leave (Rae Days) as a cost-saving measure during the last recession, warned that such sacrifices might have to be made again.

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## Sri Lanka protest **Day of Mourning**

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Young protesters were among 800 people from across the country who attended the Day of Mourning at Parliament Hill yesterday afternoon to stop violence in Sri Lanka. Story, pg 2

## Radioactive matter not from nuclear facility

**IODINE** A commonly used medical isotope, normally associated with hospital waste or people who have undergone medical treatment, is believed to have caused the low-level radiation discovered in biosolids at the R.O. Pickard Environmental Centre recently.

An initial inspection by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) has identified iodine-131 as the likely radioactive material, but the city has not yet determined the source.

According to the CNSC, this material poses no risk to the health, safety or security of residents or the environment.

The low-level radioactivity in Ottawa's sewage is not related to recent events at Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd.'s nuclear facility in Chalk River.

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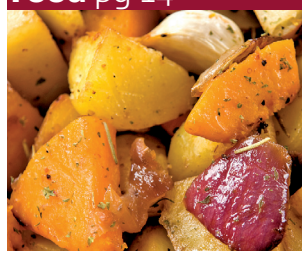

Boast the best roast

# Pass holders get free transit rides until end of March

**COMPENSATION** Transit riders who held on to their December bus passes will be getting a free ride until the end of March.

Express and Ecopass members won't be paying for their tickets until the end of April.

People who bought passes for December are still eligible for a full refund until Feb. 15, but transit services director Alain Mercier said that the greater value is to hold on to the pass.

"Essentially, someone who purchased a pass in December got nine days of service that they used," said Mercier. "In compensation following the strike, they will receive a total of 43 days of free transportation for their pass."

Mercier said December express pass holders would be entitled to 73 days of additional transportation.

Ecopass holders had their payroll deductions suspended in mid-January. Mercier said they would instruct employers to defer payroll deductions until the end of April.

Day passes have been also reduced to $5 during the month of February.

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**Kids cast for Wizard of Oz**
Children from the Lakeside Players Theatre Company were chosen from more than 60 local kids to perform the roles of munchkins during the Ottawa stop of the national tour of The Wizard of Oz next month. METRO OTTAWA

# Local

## Carleton profs in TVO competition

**Two Carleton University professors have been named to the top 10 in TVO's Big Ideas Best Lecturer competition, which celebrates the most engaging lecturers in Ontario. Matthew Bellamy's lecture, A Watershed Moment: Canada and the Second World War, airs on Feb. 28 and Darryl Davies' lecture Explaining Crime airs on March 21.**

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# Tamils protest 'genocide'

## Layton, Canadian Tamils call for an end to violence in Sri Lanka

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**Jeavana Sritharan has never been to Sri Lanka. But the 20-year-old University of Ottawa student was among more than 800 protesters with Tamil roots who spoke out against violence in the war-torn country on the steps of Parliament Hill yesterday afternoon.**

Protesters, who waved banners and signs, shouted, "We want justice!" and "Help us!" and "Stop the war!" at the Day of Mourning.

**"We want the government to take immediate action to stop the violence."**
Samuel Lawrence, Canadian Tamil spokesman

"I'm here because there's a genocide going on in Sri Lanka," Sritharan, who is a member of the Tamil Students Association at uOttawa, said. Civilians, including children, are in danger, she said.

"We're here to fight for the Tamil people's rights," Sritharan said.

"We want the government to take immediate action to stop the violence," said event organizer and Canadian Tamil Congress spokesman Samuel Lawrence.

"I know all of you are suffering to the depths of your souls as you think about what's happening to your families," said NDP Leader Jack Layton, who attended the rally with MPs from across the country.

"That's why I'm here in support. The Tamils are often forgotten by governments in the western world."

Canada should be a leader in stopping this from happening, he said.

Layton said he was going to ask the Canadian government to ask the Sri Lankan government to cease violence immediately to "end the humanitarian crisis."

Sritharan also hopes this event teaches Ottawa residents, and Canadians in general, more about the situation in Sri Lanka.

In addition to the Ottawa event, there were also candlelit vigils in Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal yesterday.

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## NGC buys new art installation

**ART** A popular piece currently featured in the Caught in the Act exhibit at the National Gallery of Canada will now call Ottawa home.

Yesterday, the National Gallery of Canada Foundation announced the acquisition of Theatre of Cruelty, an art installation by internationally renowned Vancouver artist Geoffrey Farmer.

"This ambitious work … strengthens our collection of installations," said NGC director Marc Mayer.

The work has been acquired through the NGC Foundation's Audain Endowment for Contemporary Canadian Art. The gallery does not disclose the purchasing price of its pieces.

Caught in the Act: The Viewer as Performer, an exhibition of contemporary art, is on view in the NGC's special exhibition galleries until Feb. 15.

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# OC Transpo back to full service April 6

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**TRANSIT** OC Transpo expects to return to full service by April 6, but many city councillors are concerned that the Transitway will be overwhelmed if express service doesn't come back earlier.

As more buses become available, service will be returned in stages. Starting Saturday, normal weekend service will be back. On Monday, the Transitway, major routes and some local suburban routes will be operating.

The first express buses will not be running until Feb. 23, but those will be only the busiest routes.

Most of the express routes are not expected back into service until March 16 or April 6.

"Our emphasis is to introduce as many local routes, which have the highest ridership at the outset, and key routes in the suburban area to link people from their homes to the Transitway in the most efficient manner," said OC Transpo general manager Alain Mercier. "We do not have enough buses to offer peak-period express service, so what we have to do is offer the most connections in the city for people to get to their destination."

However, several suburban councillors have said the transit infrastructure will not be able to accommodate the extra riders who would normally take an express bus.

**"We do not have enough buses to offer peak-period express service, so what we have to do is offer the most connections in the city for people to get to their destination."**
Alain Mercier, OC Transpo GM

Councillors Shad Qadri and Jan Harder said they would be encouraging their residents to continue using alternatives to the bus, because the park and rides would fill up too quickly and the buses would be too packed.

"I don't think the buses can hold it. They were already full before the strike," said Coun. Marianne Wilkinson.

Mercier admitted it was not possible to accurately predict the increased demand, so they have set aside 40 buses that can be dispatched to areas where passenger bottlenecks develop.

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## Energy **Group opposes tarsands exemptions**

Energy campaigner Andrea Harden-Donahue, from left, NDP Environment critic Linda Duncan and chairwoman for the Council of Canadians Maude Barlow speak at an Energy Day of Action event at Parliament Hill yesterday. The Council of Canadians urge the government to oppose exemptions regarding Alberta's tarsands in binational climate-policy negotiations.

# City postpones street program

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**STREET FURNITURE** With Canada's rapidly weakening economy threatening revenues for outdoor advertising companies, the city is putting off its new integrated street furniture program until 2011.

The program will attempt to unify the various garbage cans, bus shelters, benches, information kiosks and newspaper boxes lining city sidewalks into a more coherent design intended to improve the streetscape.

Public self-cleaning washrooms are not recommended as additional street furniture, since they are very expensive and have had mixed results, according to Michael Murr, the city's manager of strategic, initiative and business planning.

Current contracts with street furniture providers expire in 2010, but Murr is recommending extending the contracts one year in order to give companies an opportunity to prepare bids on contracts that would run until 2031.

Throughout February, the city will be consulting community stakeholders to draft designs and placement guidelines.

A request for proposals will be released near the end of the summer, with an aim of installing the new street furniture by Canada Day, 2011.

## Cops looking for armed robber

**CRIME** Police are seeking a suspect after an armed man robbed a west-end convenience store Tuesday night.

At 9:30 p.m., a man entered the Mac's Milk convenience store at 1025 Merivale Rd., brandished a knife and demanded money.

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**Canada not ready to take in Gitmo prisoners: Immigration minister**
Immigration Minister Jason Kenney yesterday denied a Globe and Mail report that Canada was close to accepting three Muslims from China's Uighur minority who are imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay. The men have been cleared of all charges, but remain in custody because no country is yet willing to take them in. REUTERS

# Canada/World

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Finance Minister Jim Flaherty speaks to journalists yesterday in the foyer of the House of Commons. Flaherty assured Canadians there will be no "fire sale" of public property.

## No fire sale planned: Flaherty

**ECONOMY** Canada will not sell off government assets at "fire sale" prices to raise funds, even as the country prepares to run deficits for the first time in more than a decade, the Finance minister said yesterday.

"There will be no fire sales. You can be assured of that. There may be some sales. There may not," Finance Minister Jim Flaherty told reporters.

**"There may be some sales. There may not."**
Finance Minister Jim Flaherty

In its budget last month, the government said it was reviewing its assets to see if they are still needed or could be sold, and previous to that Flaherty had mentioned Toronto's landmark CN Tower as a possibility.

In the first year, the budget said, the asset review will focus on the departments of Finance, Indian and Northern Affairs, Natural Resources and Transport and Infrastructure. REUTERS

## 'Buy U.S.' plan revised

**The U.S. Senate voted yesterday to soften a "Buy American" plan in its $819 billion US stimulus bill after President Barack Obama expressed concern the original language could trigger a trade war.**

Senators approved an amendment requiring that provisions that upset Canada, the European Union and other trade partners be "applied in a manner consistent with U.S. obligations under international agreements."

The bill had required that projects funded by the stimulus package use only U.S.-made iron, steel and manufactured goods — potentially putting the U.S. in violation of its duties under NAFTA.

"I think it would be a mistake ... at a time when worldwide trade is declining, for us to start sending a message that somehow we're just looking after ourselves and not concerned with world trade," Obama said. REUTERS

### Repercussions

- John Bruton, the EU ambassador to the U.S., told Reuters previously that approval of the original plan could lead to protectionist measures worldwide.

## At least 52 killed in north Sri Lanka

**ATTACKS** At least 52 civilians were killed by shelling in Sri Lanka's northern war zone yesterday, while a hospital was hit again and Britain and the U.S. urged a ceasefire.

A UN spokesman said 52 were killed and 80 wounded. The Red Cross said the the only hospital in the war zone was evacuated after it was hit for a fifth time in three days.

Sri Lanka's military has encircled the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam and is confident it will soon win the conflict, in which 70,000 people have been killed since 1983. REUTERS

## India **Slums offscreen**

ARKO DATTA / REUTERS

Slum children, some of whom played minor roles in the Oscar-nominated film Slumdog Millionaire, pose yesterday at Nehru Nagar slums in Mumbai, where part of the film was shot. The movie's success has recently been overshadowed by protest in India over its name and portrayal of the lives of poor Indians.

## Cherry can't save Oshawa teen's job

**CONTROVERSY** Don Cherry tried to get 17-year-old Billy Steele's job back as a volunteer cameraman at an Oshawa arena, but it was no dice, Cherry said yesterday.

"We had a long talk. I did my best — that's all you can do."

Billy was banned by the arena from working there after he chatted with Cherry at an event three weeks ago. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Veterinarians sue CFIA over proposed food-safety regulations

**LAWSUIT** Poultry destined for dinner tables will pose a greater public health risk under new inspection protocols that allow slaughterhouses to inspect themselves, says a legal action filed by federal veterinarians against the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Under proposed changes to the country's inspection system, slaughterhouse workers will be responsible for monitoring duties now carried out by veterinarians.

A notice of application filed in Federal Court in Ottawa by the Professional Institute of the Public Service against the CFIA says it is "contrary to the public interest" to replace qualified veterinarians with unqualified people who are "not subject to public scrutiny."

"(The poultry) could have all kinds of things that a slaughterhouse operator doesn't have the expertise to make a judgement on," said Michèle Demers, president of the veterinarian union.

Neither CFIA officials nor federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz would comment. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

### Deregulation

- The change in inspection protocol is part of a larger move toward deregulated inspection of meat production in Canada.

## Obama unveils executive pay caps for bailout corporations

**ECONOMY** U.S. President Barack Obama imposed new rules yesterday to rein in corporate pay, capping executive pay at $500,000 a year for companies receiving taxpayer funds and limiting severance fees paid to top officials.

"In order to restore our financial system, we've got to restore trust. And in order to restore trust, we've got to make certain that taxpayer funds are not subsidizing excessive compensation packages on Wall Street," said Obama, who has criticized Wall Street chiefs for accepting billions in bonuses while the economy staggered.

The rules, which are not retroactive, would require companies that get exceptional government funds in the future to abide by the cap. REUTERS

## Russia tackled at UN over media killings, racism

**COUNCIL** Russia must do more to stop violence against minorities, torture by police, murders of journalists and the killing of a human rights lawyer, delegates to the UN's Human Rights Council said yesterday. Other issues were political abductions, Internet child pornography and limits on independent civil society bodies. REUTERS

### News in brief

**TASER** Sussex, N.B., RCMP used a Taser to subdue a woman who was allegedly wielding a knife while chasing her husband into a barber shop, CBC News Online reports. Stephanie Doucette, 30, appeared in court yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Comment & Views

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# Politics of fear and smear

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**Andrew Cohen**

Canada & world insight

If you were wondering about the decline of our politics — or, more precisely, why so few Canadians voted in the last general election — consider the story of Bill Casey, the long-serving, independent-minded member of Parliament from Nova Scotia.

Mr. Casey was elected from the riding of Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley in 1988. He lost his seat in 1993 but was returned in 1997. Until 2007, he was a Conservative, and, by all accounts, loyal, principled and conscientious.

He was drummed out of the party when he voted against the government's budget because he said it violated the Atlantic Accord. In the last election, the Conservatives chose another candidate and Mr. Casey ran as an Independent.

Fair enough. Parties drop members who refuse to vote the party line (though, notably, Michael Ignatieff permitted a clutch of his fellow Liberals from Newfoundland to cast a symbolic vote against the federal budget this week). Stephen Harper thought Mr. Casey disloyal, and expelled him from the caucus. Leaders do that.

So Mr. Casey ran on his own. During the campaign, the local branch of the RCMP received a complaint that he had "embezzled" funds. He had not; the $30,000 in question, transferred to an account established for his campaign, had been returned to the party.

Curiously, the complaint came from the Conservatives, specifically, says Canwest News Service, from Diana Read-Miedema. She

REUTERS FILE PHOTO

**Independent MP Bill Casey alleges he is a victim of a smear campaign by the federal Conservative party.**

was the official agent of Joel Bernard, the Conservative candidate.

Mr. Casey says it was "an attempt to smear my reputation and my character." That's why he rose in the House of Commons the other day to clear his name.

He is so angry that he promises to run again (he was re-elected with 68 per cent of the vote last year) although he had planned to retire. He thinks vindictive Conservatives at a higher level were trying to discredit him.

They say they weren't. The national party never had any questions involving Mr. Casey's transactions, says spokesman Ryan Sparrow.

Incidentally, would that be the same Ryan Sparrow who was "suspended" by the Conservatives during the campaign for saying the father of a dead soldier who had criticized Mr. Harper on Afghanistan was a Liberal?

And would that not be the same campaign in which the Conservatives gleefully vilified Stéphane Dion — a decent man — in cartoons, mocked his English and ridiculed his proposed carbon tax?

See a pattern here? This is politics of fear and smear. No wonder Canadians aren't voting any more.

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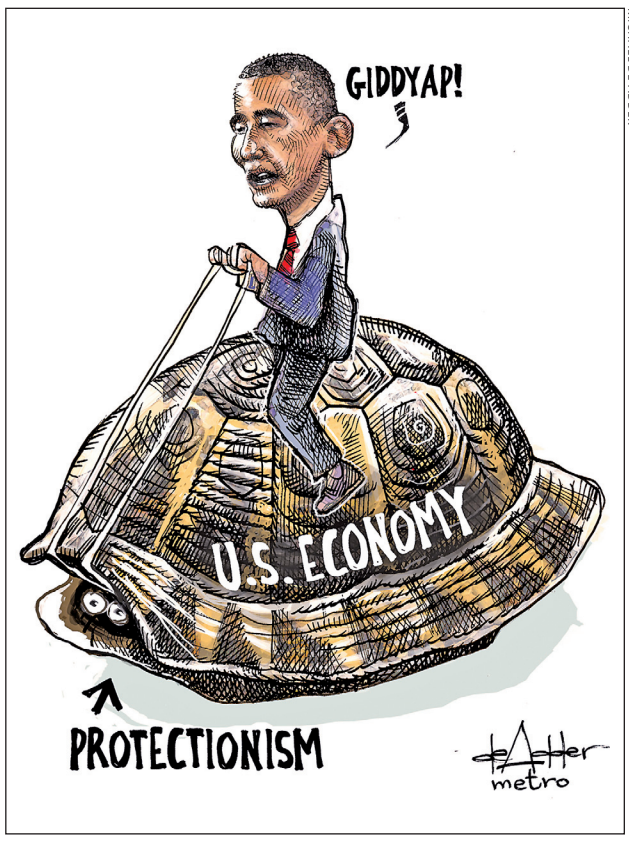


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## Views

# Atheist ads promote debate, understanding

**Robert C. Fennell**

Recently, it was announced that some atheists and the Freethought Foundation of Canada are planning to buy advertising space on Canadian transit systems in order to broadcast the message that "There's probably no God." Several cities' transit systems, such as Halifax and Victoria, have already rejected the campaign.

Should this campaign be allowed? I can't see how they can be denied the right to advertise. Such beliefs are clearly already part of the cultural landscape in which we live — a landscape in which free speech and freedom of religion are highly prized. So long as these ads do not incite hatred, no endur-ing harm will result. Of course, just as people have the freedom to run these ads, anyone reading them has the freedom to disagree completely.

Christian objections to these transit ads, or the objections of any other religious tradition, run the risk of painting themselves into a corner. If I enjoy the freedom to celebrate publicly the existence of God — which I do — then non-religious beliefs should be permitted in the public arena as well. If I forbid others to share their faith, or lack of it, I must be prepared to have the public expression of my faith forbidden. Such silencing on either side does nothing to advance understanding, compassion and reconciliation.

It was, in fact, Christian messages about Jesus on buses in England that first

**"Silencing on either side does nothing to advance understanding."**

prompted this campaign. In London and elsewhere, atheist-inspired bus advertising suggested "There's probably no God." Ironically, the credibility and durability of Christian faith — or any faith — are actually strengthened when such "atheist ads" invite public response. All religious belief is more convincing when we are willing to enter into debate and dialogue, rather than running away or shutting it down. This is certainly a moment in history when we need plenty of dialogue to find deeper mutual understanding and respect. By knowing and trusting one another, let's hope we can more effectively tackle the real crises of hunger, disease, war and poverty.

If atheist advertising appears in Canada, Christians and other religious groups need not overreact. People of faith have nothing to fear. The faith that Christians, Muslims, Jews, Hindus and others have does not depend on everyone agreeing with them. After all, Canada has matured in the last decade. We have welcomed back into public life and conversation many dimensions of faith and spirituality. Our many faith (and non-faith) traditions reveal exciting searches for meaning, transcendence and ethical living. They are all part of what makes Canadian culture interesting, vibrant, creative — and free.

Robert C. Fennell is a professor of Christian theology and history in Halifax.

## Letters

**No absolute answers**

Atheists are allowed to express their religious views too. Agnostics, too.

If God is the highest most knowing being in the universe, and one knows there is no God, one may then be the most knowing being and is in fact God. I would say, there is a God, don't worry — he's got the whole world in his hands ... or our atheists do.

As a conservative Calvinist Christian, I understand there are no easy answers, and a qualified absolute statement on God is hardly a basis for living by happenstance.

**JOHN VAN EGMOND, MISSISSAUGA**

## Worth mentioning

# First lady fashion's saviour?

With a penchant for off-the-rack American brands like Gap and J Crew, Michelle Obama could be a shot in the arm to a U.S. apparel industry desperate for excitement — and sales.

Fashion choices made by America's new first lady, who likes a mix of designer pieces and more affordable brands, can translate directly into dollars for apparel retailers facing a slump in demand as Americans cut back on clothing purchases.

"This is a living, breathing example of a first lady having a massive influence," said Mandi Norwood, a former Mademoiselle editor writing a book on Obama's style.

Industry watchers say Obama, 45, a former lawyer and mother of two girls, speaks to today's shopper who is practical, frugal and pressed for time — but still wants to look good.

Apparel stores catering to women over 40 have felt the worst of the inertia pervading the industry.

Chains have struggled to provide that audience with looks that are sophisticated, feminine yet a bit playful, have now been handed a marketing tool, experts said. **REUTERS**

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**OPEC may cut output again**
OPEC members could discuss a cut of around one million barrels per day (bpd) at their March 15 meeting in Vienna, sources inside the organization say. Such a move would be the fourth reduction since September, to total 5.2 million bpd in cuts. REUTERS

# Business

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## Resolution to RIM stock option scandal on horizon

**LEGAL** Shares of BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion rose yesterday, ahead of a regulatory hearing that could see a settlement with the company's co-CEOs Jim Balsillie and Mike Lazaridis over their role in a controversy over the backdating of stock options.

The hearing to approve a deal is slated for today.

RIM shares rose 1.6 per cent to $69.36 on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Analysts view RIM's internal review of options grants, and a subsequent $250-million earnings restatement related to errors in how options were granted, as disruptive but ultimately immaterial. REUTERS

### Tough penalties

- The fines to be levied against RIM's co-CEOs is not known, but the Globe and Mail reported the Ontario Securities Commission had been seeking a penalty as high as $100 million.

## Barbie Hitting her golden years

MICHAELA REHLE/REUTERS

A young woman poses with a Barbie doll during the media preview of the 60th International Toy Fair in Nuremberg, Germany, yesterday. The world's most popular doll is turning 50 this year. More than 2,700 exhibitors from more than 60 countries will present their new toy products from Feb. 5 to Feb. 10.

## Merchants caught in downturn

**RETAIL** Citing worsening business conditions, Hudson's Bay Co. announced it is slashing 1,000 jobs, or five per cent of its full-time workforce, to remain competitive.

The cuts, which HBC hopes will save $150 million a year, will not affect customer service in its 500 Bay, Zellers, Home Outfitters and Fields stores.

In the U.S., Costco said it would miss sales expectations, while Macy's Inc. said it would cut 7,000 jobs. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# January job losses pegged at 40,000

**The carnage in Canada's labour market persisted in January as the recession forced layoffs across a wide array of industries, analysts say, predicting the worst multi-month string of job losses since the early 1990s.**

Employers are expected to have cut 40,000 jobs in January in the third straight month of employment decline, according to the median forecast of analysts surveyed by Reuters.

They predicted the unemployment rate would jump to 6.8 per cent from 6.6 per cent in December, its highest level since June 2005.

If the forecasts are right, the economy will have shed 124,00 jobs from November to January — a magnitude of back-to-back job losses not seen since late 1991 and early 1992, according to Statistics Canada data.

Jobs were relatively safe in Canada through most of 2008, when the net gain in employment was about 80,000, much rosier than in the United States, where employers slashed 2.6 million jobs.

But more recent anecdotal evidence shows the slowdown is setting in: stories of companies idling plants and cutting staff have since become daily fare in Canada, compounded by plunging confidence levels due to bad news coming from the U.S.

And the weakness now extends beyond manufacturing and forestry sectors to services as well. REUTERS

### Fewer hirings

- Businesses surveyed by the Bank of Canada in the fourth quarter said they thought hiring would decrease over the next 12 months.

## WestJet heads abroad with deal

**AIRLINE** WestJet Airlines Ltd. is poised to extend its reach overseas after signing a pact with Air France-KLM that would give passengers access to international destinations and drive more traffic onto WestJet's network.

The code-share agreement, which allows WestJet to sell tickets for other airlines' flights as its own, is set to be ready for early 2010, and could include baggage transfer and frequent flier programs as well. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Time Warner cuts jobs, sees profit

**EARNINGS** Time Warner Cable Inc. said it will cut nearly three per cent of its workforce, or 1,250 jobs, this year to reduce costs in the face of the weak economy and more competition — but it forecast 2009 profit near the high end of expectations.

Shares of the No. 2 U.S. cable service provider rose 3.6 per cent yesterday to $18.97 US a share after it also said it expects a higher-than-expected 2009 profit of $1 US a share, after charges. REUTERS

## Business in brief

**MERGER** The Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday that music companies Ticketmaster Entertainment Inc. and Live Nation Inc. might merge as soon as this week. The deal, which could face antitrust scrutiny, could create a music-industry powerhouse worth $700 million US, a source said.

**EARNINGS** Panasonic Corp., the world's No. 1 plasma-TV maker, warned it would post an annual loss of $4.2 billion US and said it would cut about 15,000 jobs as it grapples with the double whammy of falling sales and a stronger yen that eats into overseas profits when repatriated. REUTERS

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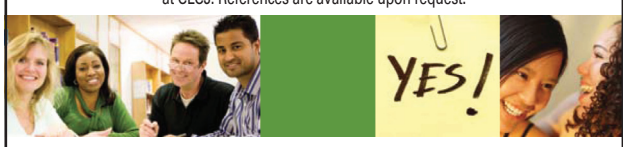


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**Hodgson shines at OHL all-star game**

Cody Hodgson of the Brampton Battalion had three goals and an assist as the Eastern Conference beat the Western Conference 11-6 in the Ontario Hockey League all-star game last night. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Sports

## Evidence against Bonds unsealed

**A U.S. federal judge yesterday unsealed hundreds of pages of court documents at the heart of the criminal case against Barry Bonds, including positive drug tests that prosecutors linked to the home run king. They include a transcript of conversations regarding injecting the slugger, and a list of players like Jason Giambi, who are scheduled to testify for the U.S. government at Bonds' upcoming trial.** METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# The mess under Murray's watch

TheHockeyNews

**Ken Campbell**

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Tuesday will long be remembered by Cory Clouston as one of the greatest of his life. Savour it, Mr. Clouston, because you may very well remember it as the day the Ottawa Senators set you up for failure.

Clouston is the new coach of the Senators and already he's seeing how things run around here.

We're going to just put this out there, but we figure losing 1-0 to a rebuilding non-playoff team probably isn't the most inspired effort the Senators could have put forth for their new bench boss.

The Senators could have hired Scotty Bowman or Pat Quinn — and they likely would have if not for the fact that they're already paying two people not to coach for them — and not even they would have been able to pull them out of this train wreck.

So how exactly is a 39-year-old with just 1½ years of pro coaching experience and not a game — sorry, one game now — in the NHL supposed to do it?

To make matters even more drastic, Clouston is surrounded by assistant coaches who are basically in the same boat he is.

Greg Carvel has been an assistant for a few years and Luke Richardson still has to look at the scoresheet to see if he's in the lineup.

Contrast that to last summer when Craig Hartsburg — remember him? — wanted to hire longtime NHL assistant Wayne Fleming, but the Senators refused to pay Fleming what he thought he was worth and he went to coach in Russia.

The point is, Cory Clouston might be a terrific young coach, but he has been put in a no-win situation with a team that has been largely run into the ground.

This is a team that has been circling the drain for the better part of 14 months now and there's almost no chance Clouston, at this time with this team, is going to be able to stop that tide.

A wiser move by owner Eugene Melnyk would have been to reinstall Bryan Murray for his third tour of duty behind the Senators bench. At least then Murray would have been able to see up close the mess the Senators have become under his watch.

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### Shannon recalled

- The Senators recalled right-winger Ryan Shannon from the team's American Hockey League affiliate yesterday.

# Bosh hurt, Raps come up short

**NBA RESULT**

**Lakers** 115 **Raptors** 107

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**Kobe Bryant finished with 36 points, and had a crucial basket and rebound in the final minute to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a 115-107 win over the Toronto Raptors last night.**

Joey Graham scored a career-high 24 points for the Raptors, while Jermaine O'Neal nearly ended up with a triple-double, posting 22 points, nine rebounds and a season-high nine blocks.

Andrea Bargnani had 21 points and nine boards for Toronto, which not only dropped its fourth consecutive game, but lost forward Chris Bosh to a sprained right knee in the fourth quarter.

He had 12 points through nearly 29 minutes of action, but did not return after leaving the game. He went to a local hospital following the game for precautionary X-rays.

Toronto was already playing without guard Jose Calderon, who sat with a sore hamstring.

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Kobe Bryant passes over Joey Graham last night.

# Rogers-TSN2 sham has gone on too long

**Adnan Virk**

Guest columnist

This has been largely a forgotten season for the Toronto Raptors. Crippled by an ill-conceived, underachieving roster, short on talent and effort to compete, assembled by Teflon Don Bryan Colangelo, the good news for MLSE is the ironic consolation that the majority of fans aren't watching.

Not that apathy is the culprit. It's the incongruous battle between Rogers and TSN and the fact that if Rogers is your TV provider and the game's on TSN2, you'd have better luck cooling off Christian Bale screaming at a DP than actually watching the game.

Who to blame amidst such a ridiculous affair?

MLSE shares some blame for selling off games to the deep pockets of TSN and taking money over the fact their growing property would be unviewable.

You can slam TSN, obsessed with hockey coverage, but conveniently interested after the ratings rise of the Raptors the last two seasons.

And as for Rogers, evidently a grudge match is worth sacrificing the wishes of customers who have shown fealty and fiscal loyalty to the media giant.

Maybe it's just galling to me that last night we missed the Lakers, one of the premier franchises in sports. It's not like we're missing the moribund Grizzlies.

But wait, you won't be able to see them on Saturday either.

Adnan Virk is a Raptors broadcaster and the co-host of Score In The Morning on The Score television network.

## Sports in brief

**SOCCER** David Beckham said for the first time yesterday that he would like to quit the L.A. Galaxy of the MLS and make a permanent move to AC Milan. The former Manchester United and Real Madrid midfielder added that he might want to end his career at Milan and that playing for them would enhance his chances of another World Cup with England in South Africa next year. "I have expressed my desire now to stay in Milan and hopefully the clubs can come to some agreement," Beckham, who is on loan with the Italian giants, told reporters. REUTERS

Beckham

**NHL** The head of the NHL Players' Association said yesterday that it may be time to consider a rule mandating helmet use during fights. While a majority of NHL players want fighting to remain a part of hockey, Paul Kelly feels his constituency is open to restrictions on how the gloves are dropped. Acknowledging the role fighting has in policing the game, Kelly added that so-called "staged fights" between two players with skills limited to chucking knuckles may no longer have a place in the game. METRO NEWS SERVICES


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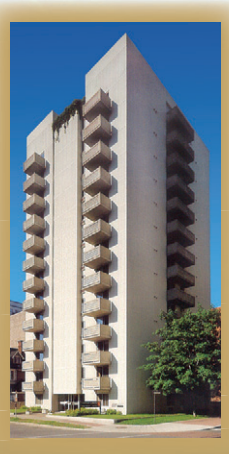

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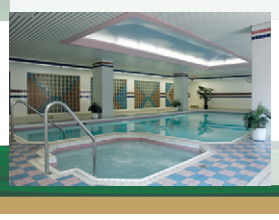

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**A little Latitude from Google**
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# Tech Now

## Predators

**Studies suggest that one in five children are approached online by sexual predators, often in chat rooms.**

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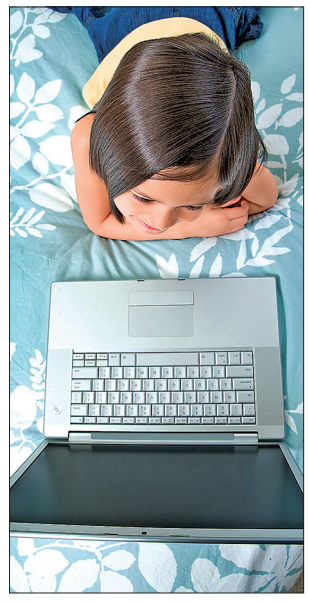
# Keeping kids safe on Net



**Both parents and kids need to be aware of online threats, our columnist says.**

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Not long ago, I sat with a police officer in the RCMP National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre in Ottawa.

As an investigator, his job is to go online and pose as a teenage girl. Within a couple of minutes of his first posting, there were men posting comments, including some blatant sexual suggestions.

The centre helps co-ordinate and stage investigations by police departments across the country and around the world. They're part of a hi-tech approach by police to catching the pedophiles that use technology to find victims. They believe they are making a difference yet they also speak of a flood of pedophile material online.

Just last month, a new study was released suggesting that fears about children and the Internet may not be what we thought. In fact, we don't understand the full impact of social networking sites as a hunting ground by predators. In February of 2008, 50 U.S. state attorneys general set up the task force. Members included MySpace, Facebook, Time-Warner, AOL, and Microsoft.

**It has been pointed out by many experts that young children are often not aware of the risks they run and need better education while parents must take an active role in understanding and monitoring their children's activities.**

The report says the biggest threat to children online may well be other children who use electronic techniques to bully and threaten other children plus, "those who are at risk often engage in risky behaviours and have difficulties in other parts of their lives."

The Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University directed the report and added, "Youth report sexual solicitation of minors by minors more frequently (than adult predators), but these incidents are understudied, underreported to law enforcement, and not part of most conversations about online safety."

One task force member John Phillips, chief executive of Aristotle Corp, said blaming children and their parents is not the answer. It has been pointed out by many experts that young children are often not aware of the risks they run and need better education while parents must take an active role in understanding and monitoring their children's activities.

The task force also looked at technologies that might help. They looked at 40 ideas such as biometrics, text analysis, audits, and ID authentication and concluded, "we are in a state of cautious optimism, with many submissions showing substantial promise."

**Website of the week**
**www.bewebaware.ca**
Run by Ottawa based Media Awareness Network, it's a good site with basic information on the Net, the risks and advice for children and parents.

This Sunday, one of the stories on TECH NOW will be a look at how the developed world's old technology is used and abused in the developing world.

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# Flooring: It's all in the grout

HomeScape

Picking your kitchen flooring can be a tough decision as there are many options outside the design to choose from such as whether to go with concrete, stone, ceramic, vinyl or wood.

If you love to cook, entertain a lot or have children, your kitchen floor will be well-used and abused. And the wrong type of flooring will cause you headaches, believe me.

I don't know what I was thinking when I purchased light-coloured tiles with ivory grout for my kitchen. Perhaps I had imagined that a tiled kitchen was my ticket to a maintenance-free kitchen floor. Or maybe that the whole kitchen could be self-cleaning, like those European public toilet booths that close up tight and self-scrub after every usage. But no, this was unfortunately not the case.

My excuse is that I was seduced by gorgeous pictures in a magazine. The reality is that I now fully appreciate that a light tile shows dirt much more readily than a dark one. Furthermore, I unwisely did not go along with my mother's advice that I should buy a tile with a splotchy pattern, so dirt would not be so obvious. I went with a subtle linear pattern that showcases dirt as if it were on Broadway. What was I thinking?

Making a decision about kitchen flooring is not easy. But if your kitchen is an active area, you need to think carefully about cleaning requirements and whether you are content with more or much happier with less. There are many choices in kitchen flooring and all require some maintenance, but the bottom line is that some are much more fussy than others.

First of all, don't choose white tile or grout, unless you enjoy cleaning your floors after every meal. Also be wary of lighter colours or subtle patterns that show every spill or drip.

And know that some materials cause more stress than others. For example, natural stone, such as marble, limestone or granite is beautiful, but these stones are porous, so spilling balsamic vinegar or barbecue sauce may pose a stain hazard if the stone is not sealed regularly or the spill is not immediately wiped off.

Concrete is durable and very flexible as it can be made to look like slate, tile, brick or cobblestone. It can be stamped, stenciled and etched with acid, or it can be left smooth. But it too must be sealed regularly because untreated or infrequently treated concrete soaks up spills and stains.

That leaves us with porcelain, ceramic or vinyl, the traditional choices for a kitchen. But each of these has its ups and downs. The seams between vinyl peel and stick tiles collects dirt fast, plus edges will eventually chip and peel back. Rolled vinyl is a better choice, but remember that vinyl is easily damaged.

### Thinking wood?

- Some say wood with polyurethane is great for kitchens because it is easier on the back than standing on hard tile. But water damage poses a problem for wood that is not sealed well, so you must make sure your wooden flooring is well sealed, preferably on site so both the wood and the hairline spaces between the boards are sealed.

Ceramic tiles and porcelain are much tougher, and they stand up to water without the necessity of sealing in most cases. Sounds like the best choice for minimizing work, but the dirty grout problem is a headache. It helps to seal the grout when it is new or freshly cleaned. Thin lines of grout also help make dirty grout less obvious, as does a darker grout colour.

Remember that you'll probably be scrubbing at the grout with a toothbrush at some point, but you'll undoubtedly want to make sure it's required less often rather than more.

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# What to do with wood flooring

**Q** What are the advantages of prefinished wood floors over traditional installed wood floors?

**A** First of all prefinished wood floors are stained and finished at the factory so you don't have to deal with toxic fumes, sanding dust, labour and the long wait required for staining and applying coats of finish at home.

Another advantage is that the finish is applied under controlled conditions, which means that you don't have to worry about dust or other contaminants affecting the finish. Manufacturers can also apply more coats of finish giving you added protection. In fact, the Mercier Generations finish features ten coats applied at the factory with extreme accuracy. It produces a smooth, uniform finish with unparalleled abrasion resistance and beauty. Lastly you save on the cost because it cuts down on the labour required to install.

**Q** What is the difference between laminate flooring and engineered wood?

**A** Laminate flooring may often look like wood but it's not. It's made of melamine-infused paper glued to a wood chip composite. Engineered wood, much like solid hardwood, is real wood. It is a veneer of hardwood in the species of your choice glued on top of (in most cases) three to five thin sheets of crossbanded wood.

It's ideal for kitchens and basements where 3/4-inch solid wood floors are not recommended because of high moisture level variations. Solid wood will expand or contract with heat and moisture, whereas engineered wood flooring, because it's made of crossbanded layers of wood, offers more dimensional stability. Mercier's engineered wood flooring offers optimum stability because it contains seven crossbanded layers of wood. Another advantage of engineered wood flooring versus laminate is that engineered wood can be sanded after scratches and dings develop. Engineered flooring is also a great choice for renovations because it can be installed directly onto most existing floors. NEWS CANADA

**Money-saving tip**
Be cautious of wedding packages that may include unnecessary items. If you change your mind or want to cut back on some extras, downgrades can be difficult and costly. **NEWS CANADA**

# Wedding Planner

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PHOTOS BY THE ART OF WEDDINGS

Elaine Atencio and Albert Nam enlisted the help of a wedding co-ordinator to plan their big day.

# Budget-friendly nuptials

JANINE FALCON
for Metro Canada

**The last thing engaged couples want to do is break the bank on their wedding.**

Many, however, find themselves in economic shambles once the confetti has settled, and that's no place to be, especially in what seems like fragile financial times. How do you avoid it from the start? Turns out hiring the right experienced wedding planner can help save you money.

"Most couples don't have a realistic idea of what things will cost because they've never done this before," says Wendy Lee, a certified planner who has run Weddings by Wendy for 10 years. "An experienced planner can help craft a reasonable budget that suits their client's resources, and get beautiful results for what they can afford."

With a sound budget in place, knowing where to spend and where to save is key.

"For instance, gracious hosts can't invite friends to celebrate and ask them to pay for drinks, so an open bar is a must," says Lee. "But smart decisions on when and how long it stays open and what drinks you serve will control costs."

As well, "spending on an experienced makeup artist will save photo-retouching expenses, which take a big bite from funds."

Many experienced planners save clients cash through preferred-rate arrangements with vendors. "We have special rates with a number of planners," says Trina Turl, a photographer with The Art of Weddings.

**"Most couples don't have a realistic idea of what things will cost because they've never done this before."**
Wedding planner Wendy Lee

"It's a network thing, how the industry works," she says. "Good planners are like editors. When their clients come to us, they already know our style, our prices and how we work. Plus the day is efficiently scheduled for the client as well as the photographers."

Nicole North, owner of Petals, Stems & Leaves, works with several wedding professionals but does not offer preferred rates. However, wedding co-ordinators — like Lee — can make adjusting for a budget easy, North says, adding: "There's no initial sticker-shock for the client, and no panicked, repeated back-and-forth exchanges."

Couples can also save if they're prepared to do a little work themselves. "Not only did our planner find us less expensive vases than our florist could provide, we got an additional price break because we collected, cleaned and returned them after the wedding," says Albert Nam, one of Lee's clients.

"We could've saved more, but didn't want to do any more work," he laughs.

Although Lee went through a detailed spreadsheet with them post-wedding, Albert and his wife, Elaine Atencio, can't say exactly how much they saved, but they estimate thousands.

"What we saved certainly offset Wendy's fees, and we definitely got more bang for our buck and our time," says the couple. "And if we went over budget in one area, Wendy knew what to adjust without ever compromising our vision," Albert adds.

A photo from Elaine Atencio and Albert Nam's wedding.

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## Wedding Planner

# ‘No such thing as a wedding trend’

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**Weddings have changed to reflect today’s diverse society, the manager of an Ottawa wedding show said yesterday.**

White weddings, with their cookie-cutter brides and grooms and formal ceremonies are no longer the norm.

“There’s no such thing as a wedding trend,” said the Ottawa Wedding Show’s Yolande Adams.

“We’re seeing people get married for the second and third time. We see people getting married when they’re older and already have children. Things have changed.”

Weddings are no longer limited to May, June and July, she added. “Weddings are year-round now.”

Between 4,000 and 5,000 people — including about 2,000 brides-to-be — are expected to attend the spring edition of the Ottawa Wedding Show at the Ottawa Civic Centre at Lansdowne Park on April 4 and 5.

The Ottawa Wedding Show in April features a gown sale as well as a fashion show.

The show, which features fashions shows, seminars, a gown sale and retailers, planning professionals and service providers in the city, is one of the only wedding shows in Ottawa that doesn’t charge admission.

“Our main concern is to drive traffic to our vendors and exhibitors,” said Adams. “The more people we get, the more business the vendors will get out of the show. It’s been proven more and more that people don’t want to pay to get into shows.”

While the “free” factor is certainly appreciated during a time of recession, Adams said she doesn’t expect the recession will affect the wedding industry.

“It’s still a growth industry,” she said. “People still get married in a recession. It’s still their special day.”

Another wedding show that offers free admission is the sixth annual Manor Bridal Show, which takes place Sunday at The Keg Manor on Richmond Road. The show runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes area exhibitors such as a cake designer, a dress designer and other wedding-related services.

Julie Johnston, organizer of the show, is taking a different approach.

“It’s geared to be very intimate,” said Johnston, who is expecting 150 attendees. “There are no lineups, no pressure. It’s just a relaxing day for the brides.”

Another unique aspect of the show is that it features one business per category. “That way, the brides get a broader range of services,” she said.

The budget range people have for their weddings can be enormous, Adams said.

“Weddings range from ones where people get their brother-in-law to DJ and flowers from Loblaws to spending $30,000,” she said.

Whether they’re going small or all-out, many people rely on shows like this one for ideas.

“Some people have their wedding dress, shoes and their reception booked and come to the show looking for one thing,” she said.

Others, she added, “just got engaged over Valentine’s Day and don’t make any decisions until they’ve seen everything.”

## Plan ahead to avoid debt

Weddings are expensive; it can take years to escape debt incurred from one fabulous day. According to Statistics Canada, the average Canadian wedding costs $25,800.

“To avoid bills piling up that can ruin the big day, the first step is to create a separate savings account — possibly even before you get engaged to that special someone,” said Dennis Tew, chief financial officer of Franklin Templeton Investments Corp.

Other ways to ease the cost of a wedding include:

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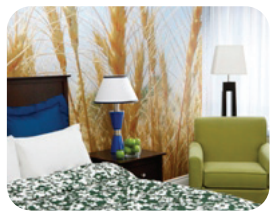

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Recession-hit brides can now rent tiaras for their big day.

# Jeweller puts $1M tiaras up for rent

**Recession-hit brides looking for that something borrowed to complete their outfit can rent gold tiaras from a major Japanese jeweller, which unveiled pieces worth more than $1 million despite the faltering economy.**

The two 18-carat gold headpieces by Ginza Tanaka include precious stones such as topaz and diamond as well as flower and heart-shaped designs.

Other accessories on display included necklaces and earrings.

"We are planning to rent the tiaras instead of selling them with our current price," said Noboru Takata, president of Ginza Tanaka. He did not give the price of the tiaras, but the whole jewelry collection is worth some $1.1 million.

"We don't know how much the rental costs will be, but any bride will be able to wear the jewelry collection for just a few tens of thousands of yen."

According to tradition, brides should have "something old, something new, something borrowed, and something blue" in their wedding outfit for a lucky marriage.

The wedding jewelry fashion show was in collaboration with Japanese designer Yumi Katsura, who is known for her wedding collections and who showcased two elaborate, golden gowns with flowing veils.

Some gold industry officials say prices of the metal this year could top the all-time high of $1,030 per ounce set in 2008.

**REUTERS**

# More choosing beach wedding

More Canadian couples are choosing to get married on the white sand beaches of Cancun, Mexico.

"From wedding consultants and honeymoon packages to spa treatments and unlimited entertainment options, Cancun takes care of a couple's every need," said Jeannette Vasconcelos, marketing manager of Real Resorts in Cancun.

More Canadian couples are opting for a destination wedding.

Many of the larger hotels have their own wedding co-ordinators and offer services ranging from a simple Cancun beach wedding ceremony to a full-blown event with a reception, musicians, dancing, and honeymoon packages.

Having access to a wedding co-ordinator was the deciding factor for Emma Mclean, a self-proclaimed anti-bride.

"What I loved most about my wedding ... was that my wedding co-ordinator took care of everything," she said.

"She emailed me flower choices, menu selections, photo packages and even music options." **NEWS CANADA**

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# Style

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# A study in contrasts

## Sisters behind Rodarte brand takes a break from NY fashion week preparations to dish on her works and inspirations

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News

**In three short years, Kate and Laura Mulleavy have gone from scrapping together enough money and resources to produce a collection of dresses to being the designers who the fashion world's coolest members love to namedrop.**

Sonia Rykiel lists the sister act as young talents she admires, Karl Lagerfeld has purchased their clothes, and top magazine editors including Carine Roitfeld and Anna Wintour line up for their runway shows. You can't get a more ringing validation than that. But perhaps the most amazing aspect of their story is the paradoxical.

They create insanely beautiful, fantastical dresses — from their hometown, Pasadena, where they still with the 'rents.

"I'm lucky that I live with my parents. Many people have to cut back in this economy. But we've scaled back as far as we can go already," Mulleavy says.

And they actually prefer to wear trousers. "I hope we can get away from the expectation that a woman designer has to design for herself," she adds.

Mulleavy takes a break from her New York Fashion Week preparations to talk:

**Q What are your earliest memories of fashion?**

**A** I think I have a few. One is that my grandmother was an opera singer. I remember being in the house and seeing these costumes. The colors were amazing. And Kate would draw these elaborate costumes. It seemed foreign to me but it was so beautiful I was drawn to it. And the other is sitting down and watching old Cary Grant Catherine Deneuve movies with my mother.

**Q Your work usually has an element of fantasy to it. Where does that come from?**

**A** Well Kate and I were partners in crime when we were little; we were living in a fantasy world. We grew up in a magical setting in northern California surrounded by mustard fields, apple orchards and horse ranches. Everywhere you looked, you could have an imaginary world. We loved The Secret Garden and dressing up.

**Q Your cultural references are always so rarefied, do you have any junk pop culture guilty pleasures?**

**A** Everything! I love that show Top Chef, although it's not exactly a guilty pleasure since it's such a good show. And last season, our collection was about Star Wars too, which could be a guilty pleasure for a lot of people.

**Q You are a favorite of fashion's major players, yet you don't seem "of" fashion. How did you manage that?**

**A** I think it all came about by circumstance, we always wanted to be designers but we chose a different path. We went to UC Berkley. We didn't study design. We thought do you want to go to graduate school or move back home? The most logical thing was to move home and try to make it work. And we didn't see the need to move. The distance comes from that.

**Q What is the inspiration for your upcoming fall collection?**

**A** We have this superstition where we don't like to talk about what we're doing too much before it shows. That way we can be secluded with our ideas and thoughts. But I can tell you that last season was about the idea of a world of remnants — what would be left behind if you told a story about the future.

**Q Are there any real life women who you find particularly inspiring?**

**A** I've always loved women like Yoko Ono and Patti Smith and Kim Gordon or Eva Hesse, who defined the last 50 years of art. I love women that have a strong opinion or voice.

**"My studying English gave me tools to analyze things. The way I approach designing is the way I would approach writing a story."**
Laura Mulleavy, designer

DAN & CORINA LECCA PHOTO

An ensemble from the Rodarte spring/summer 2009 collection. Sisters Kate and Laura Mulleavy, the designers who started the label, are known for their fantastical dresses.

## These flats were made for walking

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News

**SHOE TREND** Crimson-soled Christian Louboutin heels are sexy and fun. But after about five blocks, the story changes (they are door-to-door shoes, after all). As we watch our transportation budgets shrink, comfy flats have never looked more appealing.

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# Food

***"To roast garlic with the vegetables, separate cloves (as many as you like) but do not peel. Toss with vegetables to roast."***

Barb Holland/for Metro Canada

**Compost**
When done, squeeze garlic out of skins, discarding skins in the compost.

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# For boasting the best roast

À la carte

**Barb Holland**
Metro Food Writer

You can roast potatoes, carrots, parsnips, brussels sprouts, sweet potatoes, rutabaga, fennel, beets, celeriac and onions.

**Roasting vegetables brings out their natural sweetness, maintains their bright colour and adds flavour you just don't get when you boil or steam them.**

**Use a large, shallow, preferably dark coloured roasting pan. Spread vegetables in a single layer, as overcrowding will steam rather than roast vegetables. If making a large amount, use two pans and rotate the pans partway through cooking. Stir occasionally.**

**The oven temperature can vary with whatever you might be cooking at the same time (a roast), from 325°F to 400°F (160°C to 200°C), just adjust cooking time accordingly. Many vegetables can be roasted at the same time, however denser vegetables will take longer than softer vegetables and the size of the pieces will also affect cooking time. Don't cut vegetables too small or they might burn rather than roast.**

## Roasted Root Vegetables

Vary the vegetables and amounts to your preferences. I like to give the potatoes a bit of a head start in the oven rather than parboiling them. Makes about 6 to 8 servings.

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 – 2 tbsp (15 to 30 ml) olive oil
- 2 to 3 medium all-purpose or Yukon Gold potatoes
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, halved
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) dried thyme leaves
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) crushed dried rosemary leaves
- Pinch each coarse salt and pepper
- 2 to 3 carrots
- 2 to 3 parsnips
- 1 small butternut squash

**METHOD:**
Preheat oven to 325°F to 375°F (160°C to 190°C). Peel potatoes and cut into wedges or chunks. Toss potatoes with 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil, garlic, thyme, rosemary, salt and pepper. Place in a large, shallow heavy roasting pan. Roast 10 minutes.

Peel and cut remaining vegetables in 2-inch (5 cm) chunks. Toss carrots, parsnips and squash with remaining 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil and add to pan after potatoes have been cooking 10 minutes. Stir and roast until vegetables are tender and nicely browned, 45 to 60 minutes, stirring occasionally.

**Other Vegetables:** For something a little different, try roasting cauliflower. Cut cauliflower into florets, toss with olive oil and seasonings (as above) and roast until lightly browned and tender. Other winter vegetables that roast well are Brussels sprouts, sweet potatoes, rutabaga, fennel, beets, celeriac and onions.

Serve roasted vegetables as a side dish or toss with cooked pasta.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

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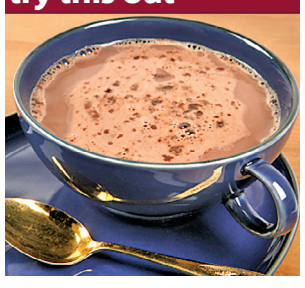

Try adding vanilla to hot chocolate or add a sprinkle of vanilla powder to your dessert recipes.

## Vanilla sets mood for Valentine's

**AROMA** Research demonstrates the area of the brain that affects emotions is directly connected to the sense of smell. Studies have also shown the scent of vanilla has a calming effect and helps reduce stress and anxiety — great for setting the mood on Valentine's Day.

**These tips come from Nielsen-Massey Vanillas, purveyors of pure vanillas and fine flavours:**
- A few drops of pure vanilla extract on a hot light bulb will help scent the room
- A drop or two behind the ears as the perfect perfume
- A cotton ball soaked in vanilla helps deodorize the refrigerator or freezer
- A vanilla bean under a chair or sofa cushion will give a pleasant, fresh aroma
- A few drops of vanilla in a can of paint will help eliminate odors

**Or consider the following dessert ideas to top off a vanilla-inspired romantic evening:**
- Add a quarter teaspoon of vanilla to hot chocolate for a warm treat
- Sprinkle vanilla powder on brownies or chocolate cake. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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## Pizza picks

If you've ever been to Italy you know the way we treat pizza in Canada is a crime. Over there the combination of dough, tomatoes, mozzarella and toppings is an art form. Here, with some notable exceptions, our attempt at a good pie is a bore that takes an hour to deliver.

It drives me crazy because I love pizza (especially my wife's homemade creations) and there is nothing I enjoy more than a few slices washed down with a glass or two of vino.

The best pick is a red with low acidity because the tomato sauce will bring more than enough to the party. Wines made from the Sangiovese grape (like those from Italy's Chianti region) are a classic match.

The **2007 Trapiche Malbec** ($8.65 - $10.90) from Argentina is a nice alternative especially if you are looking to drink on the cheap. Though enjoyable now, its blueberry fruit and youthful tannins could still use some time in the bottle to mellow.

I'm partial to Spanish Rioja with my pie and the soft, wild cherry fruit with a touch of wood spice that is the **2006 Campo Viejo Crianza** ($14.45 - $17.50) will have you reaching for another piece.

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Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

**Kanye West pens new book**
Kanye West is writing a book. The Love Lockdown singer will document his recent Glow in the Dark Tour with a tome including behind-the-scenes photographs, concept art, his own commentary and a best-of CD. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

# Entertainment

## Song dispute

**Rihanna and Michael Jackson are being sued for allegedly stealing the song Wanna Be Startin' Something, female-first.co.uk reports. Singer Manu Dibango claims they stole part of his song Soul Makossa.** METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Jenn Grant finds her voice

## Derek Trucks Band, Fray, Rankin Family and Dierks Bentley also release new music

### The Derek Trucks **Band**

**Album:** Already Free
**Label:** Sony Music
**Rating:** ●●●●

**AS GUITARIST FOR THE** Allman Brothers Band, Derek Trucks is the true successor to slide legend Duane Allman. Trucks is unquestionably one of the great electric blues-rock guitarist in the business today and the solos that slice through these 12 tracks are the sort that set the hairs on the back of your neck on end. On this release, Trucks takes his solo band in a southern R&B direction more in keeping with the old Electric Flag than the Allmans. It's much more comfortable fit than his solo effort, Songlines, which took the band to jazzier places, and brings out the best in vocalist Mike Mattison, percussionist Count M'Butu and keyboard player Kofi Burbridge.

**Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada**

### The Rankin **Family**

**Album:** These Are The Moments
**Label:** MapleMusic/Universal
**Rating:** ●●½

**THE RANKINS ARE** all grown up now and seeking an adult contemporary market. Turning to songwriters like new age pianist Jim Brickman probably isn't the way to go about it. The synth and drum collisions in the lead single Breathe Dream Pray Love tend to enhance the frailty in Heather's vocal delivery, unfairly rendering it to little more than a squeak. The Rankins' strength lies in the Celtic innocence of their vocal harmonies and the power of Jimmy's country-tinged songwriting. The fact that they turned to outside songwriters on two of the six new tracks on this album demonstrates a lack of direction and perhaps, commitment. Unfortunately, the best material on this 13-track CD are the remixes of older material.

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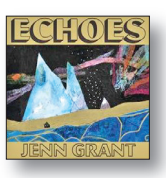
### Jenn **Grant**

**Album:** Echoes
**Label:** Six Shooter/Warner
**Rating:** ●●●●




**WHEN HALIFAX-BASED** chanteuse Jenn Grant released her critically acclaimed debut in 2007, much of Canada's music establishment thought they discovered another Feist. But while Orchestra for The Moon featured plenty of Leslie-like moments, her follow-up is definitely Grant all the way. Echoes is filled with quiet folk, soft, soothing vocals and even a memorable Neil Young cover (Only Love Can Break Your Heart). Although her tunes aren't as well executed as Feist's, she's definitely got something that could, one day, put her in the same league.

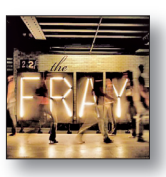
**Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada**

IVAN OTIS PHOTO

Halifax singer-songwriter Jenn Grant's new album Echoes was released this week.

### The **Fray**

**Album:** The Fray
**Label:** Epic/Sony Music
**Rating:** ●●




**IN AN IDEAL** world, talent would equate with record sales, but we all know that reality is just a pipe dream. The Fray are one platinum selling act that prove, yet again, that bland, uninspiring tunes are all you need to create to be famous. On the band's third effort they once again produce extremely watered down Coldplay-like piano ballads and thoughtless über-mainstream rock; perfect for a sappy Grey's Anatomy episode, but not so great for anyone who actually likes listening to music. With just enough catchy choruses and cheesy lyrics, this record, unfortunately, will be a huge hit.

**Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada**

### Dierks **Bentley**

**Album:** Feel The Fire
**Label:** EMI
**Rating:** ●●●




**DIERKS BENTLEY IS** one of the young hatless stars to emerge out of Nashville since Keith Urban broke the Music City mold. Bentley continues to work a successful formula — a blend of hard-drinking outlaw country rock for the crackers (Life On The Run), bedroom ballads for the womenfolk (I Wanna Make You Close Your Eyes) and some bluegrass banjo for those who like to think of themselves as traditionalists. Hoping to capture some of the spirit of his hit What Was I Thinkin', Bentley even reintroduces the girl with "the white tank top" in the drink-til-you-fall-down track, Sideways. But he seems to do everything a little bit better on Feel The Fire. The guitar jams are more extended, ballads more heartfelt and the pickin' a little prettier.

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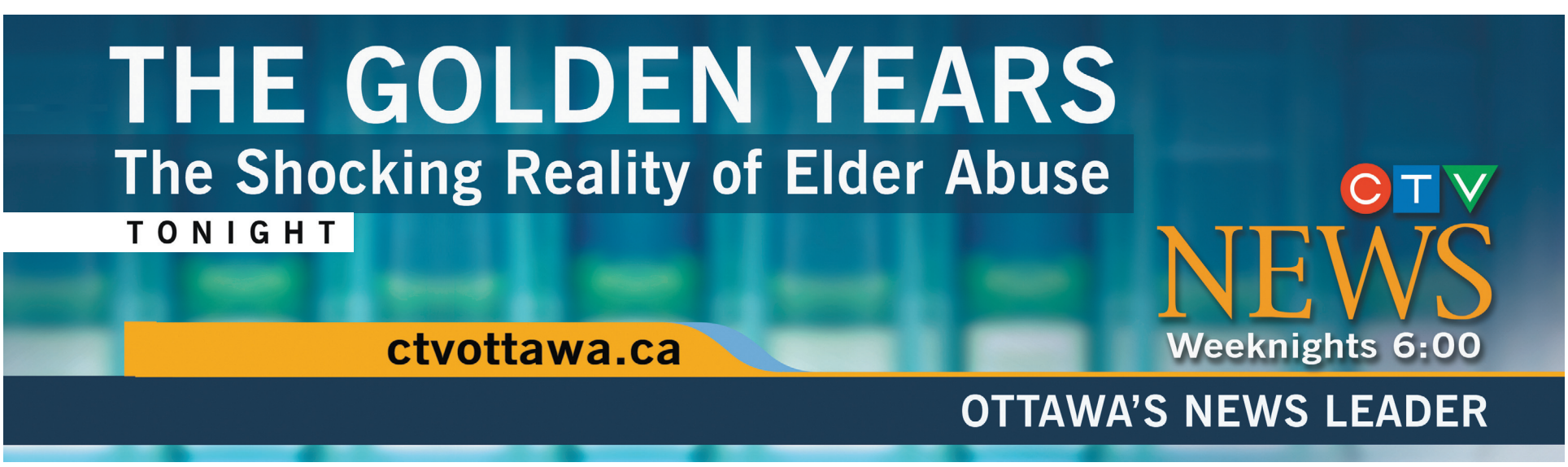


**Azaria, girlfriend expecting baby**

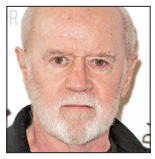
Hank Azaria and his girlfriend Katie Wright are expecting a baby boy. "They're quite ecstatic," the actor's rep Stan Rosenfield tells People magazine. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Bleepin' tribute to Carlin

**George Carlin would have been greatly flattered and at least slightly embarrassed had he lived to see George Carlin: The Mark Twain Prize.**

Taped Nov. 10 at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, the event represents an honour that Carlin said meant a great deal to him. The comedian learned of it shortly before he died June 22 of a heart attack.

The much-deserved, clip-filled tribute features testimonials from such comic greats as Jon Stewart, Bill Maher, Lily Tomlin, Denis Leary, Joan Rivers, Garry Shandling, Lewis Black, Margaret Cho and Richard Belzer. The evening, taped for broadcast and aired last night on PBS, struck just the right balance of reverence and mirth in paying homage to one of the greatest, most ingenious and most revered (by his peers) comedian of the past half-century.



Carlin

Ironically, the comics onstage were bleeped not simply for public TV broadcast but also in the venue itself, as is pointed out in his inimitable blustery fashion by Black.

**REUTERS**

# B.C. singer delivers hit on country charts

**MUSIC** Growing up on the edge of the Canadian Rockies in rural Jaffray, British Columbia, singer-songwriter Dean Brody spent a significant part of his childhood involved in 4-H, fishing, hunting and splitting firewood. In his spare time he played guitar and wrote songs.

At 16, Brody, like most other boys around town, started working at the local sawmill. But after years of writing on the side, Brody knew that to move forward with music he had to leave town.

**Album**

- Dean Brody has recorded a self-titled album produced by Matt Rovey. A release date hasn't been set.

"I wondered if there was something more to life than a nine-to-five kind of job," he says. "The longer I spent working there, the more I wanted to get out of town and move to Nashville." So in 2004 he loaded up a U-Haul and began the 2,500-mile trek to Tennessee.

He didn't know a soul in Music City. "I had nobody," he says. After a mass mailing to Nashville labels, Brody eventually got a music publishing deal and focused on songwriting.

But after two years with the publishing company, Brody got the news that his contract and U.S. work permit wouldn't be renewed. He and his family moved back to Canada. But when Brody called friend and producer Matt Rovey to give him the news, Rovey told him that Keith Stegall, who was working at the independent label Broken Bow Records at the time, was interested in signing him. Brody promptly returned to Nashville.

The artist's first single, Brothers, about two siblings, one of whom goes off to war, is No. 35 on Billboard's Hot Country Songs chart. The song recently peaked at No. 10 on sister publication Radio & Records' Canada Country chart. **REUTERS**

# Rom-com reality

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

Actresses Drew Barrymore and Scarlett Johansson star in the new romantic comedy He's Just Not That Into You.

**It's the break of dawn and John Cusack, playing a fit teenage hunk wearing a trenchcoat and high tops, holds up a ghetto blaster, and blasts Peter Gabriel's In Your Eyes into the air and his crush's bedroom.**

This scene from Cameron Crowe's Say Anything is so romantic it immediately melted hearts across the continent; but it's also just a touch unrealistic.

Any woman who's been waiting since 1989 for her knight in shining armour to come along and pull this stunt, might be waiting a very long time.

But, some experts warn romantic comedies can create unrealistic expectations for relationships. Kateryna Spiwak, a Toronto-based dating coach, says flicks like this usually end up with the couple living "happily ever after" and suggest that no more work is required to maintain the relationship — that love conquers all."

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There's also the suggestion that there's such thing as "the perfect man" — someone who will effortlessly meet all your needs simply by virtue of being with you, she said.

Referencing this Friday's movie release He's Just Not That Into You, based on bestselling self-help book of the same name, Spiwak said it's good for women (and men) to know some of the signs of a bad relationship, but it's also important to remember that every situation is different and not to follow anyone's "rules" too strictly. Just don't fall into the trap of thinking you're going to just find the "perfect" person and not have to work at it, she said.

Researchers at Heriot Watt University in Scotland had similar views on romantic comedies in a recent study that showed how "rom-coms" can spoil real-life relationships.

Echoing Spiwak's thoughts, Dr. Bjorne Holmes, director of research at the school's family and personal relationships lab, said people who watch romantic comedies are mistakenly led to believe that the "right" person will come along and know exactly what you want without having to ask.

## In brief

**AWARD** Former Monty Python star Terry Gilliam will receive a BAFTA Fellowship in recognition of his contribution to film during Sunday's British Academy of Film and Television Arts awards show. Orange British Academy Film Awards organizers said the fellowship is the "highest accolade" bestowed upon someone in recognition of an outstanding and exceptional contribution to film.

**CONTRACT** Labour peace reigns at the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. after about 5,500 unionized employees of the public broadcaster overwhelmingly ratified a new five-year contract. The latest contract marks the first in a decade from the CBC that did not require a strike or lockout to force a resolution.

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| | 512 | 396 | 24 | CPAC | La Période de questions | | Heure polit. | L'Heure politique | | | | Revue | Période-quest. |
| | 651 | 355 | 25 | CTS | Happy Days | Laverne | Michael Coren Show | | 100 Huntley Street | | Life Today | This Is Day | John Hagee |
| | - | 365 | 36 | FOX | TMZ (N) | Seinfeld | Bones (HDTV PA) (N) | | Hell's Kitchen (N) | | News (N) | | News |
| | - | - | 64 | PBS | Business Rpt. | Energy | Yes, Minister | Time Goes By | Monarch of the Glen | | Poirot | | Charlie Rose |
| | 205 | 312 | 104 | CTV | Hollywood | etalk | CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. | | Grey's Anatomy (N) | | (10:01) ER (HDTV) (N) | | News (N) |
| news | 502 | 390 | 26 | NW | CBC News | Newman | The Hour | | CBC News: The National | | Supercar (N) | | National |
| | 500 | 500 | 33 | CNN | Lou Dobbs Tonight | | Campbell Brown: No Bias | | Larry King Live | | Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) | | |
| sports | 406 | 417 | 27 | net | Air Racing | | PartyPoker.net World Open IV | | Best Damn Sports Show | | Sportsnet Connected | | Hockey Central |
| | 126 | 730 | 28 | RDI | 24 Heures en 60 minutes | | Grands reportages (SC) | | Le Téléjournal (SC) | | RDI en direct | Le National | Le Téléjournal |
| | 400 | 280 | 30 | TSN | NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at Ottawa Senators. (HDTV) (Live) | | | | | NHL Hockey Chicago Blackhawks at Calgary Flames. | | | |
| | 410 | 403 | 52 | SCR | Score Update | Canadian Poker Tour | | Poker Million Pound Challenge. | | Score Tonight | | NBA Basketball | |
| | 411 | 457 | 56 | OLN | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter | Survivorman | | Mantracker | | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter | Survivorman |
| | 417 | 406 | 59 | SC | NASCAR Media Day: 2009 | | Bud Shootout Selection Show (HDTV) (Live) | | | Dave Despain on Assignment | | Speed Performance Awards | |
| family | 554 | 544 | 48 | TEL | Totally Spies | Total Drama | 6TEEN | 6TEEN | Futurama | Robot Chicken | Robot Chicken | *Spaceballs* ★★ (1987) | |
| | 557 | 540 | 51 | FAM | Wizards-Place | Han. Montana | Zack & Cody | Latest Buzz | Wizards-Place | Life Derek | Ned's School | Cory in House | Zack & Cody |
| | 551 | 542 | 65 | YTV | H2O, Just Add | Prank Patrol | Malcolm-Mid. | Futurama | In The Real World | | Falcon Beach "Lost" | | Mystery Hnt. |
| cable variety | 570 | 580 | 29 | MM | mmmtop | Back In | Behind the Music | | Listed | | Confessions of a Teen Idol | | Listed |
| | 615 | 520 | 31 | A&E | The First 48 (HDTV) | | The First 48 (HDTV) | | The First 48 (HDTV) (N) | | The Beast "Infected" (N) | | The Beast |
| | 628 | 584 | 32 | SPKE | CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. | | CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. | | TNA iMPACT! (HDTV) (N) | | | | CSI: Crime Scn |
| | 521 | 560 | 34 | TLC | Sports Disasters (HDTV) | | Overhaulin' (HDTV) | | Street Customs (N) | | Heli-Loggers (N) | | Street |
| | 145 | 761 | 35 | TV5 | Fourchette et sac à dos | | Club social | | Complément d'enquête | | | | Journal TV5 |
| | 616 | 521 | 39 | SHO | The Outer Limits | | Love-Death | Love-Death | Trailer Park | Trailer Park | *Snakes on a Plane* ★★ (2006, Horror) | | |
| | 620 | 523 | 40 | BVO | Camera | Snapshot | Bathroom Divas-Opera Star | | *Flicker* (2008, Documentary) Premiere. | | | Footsteps | Law & Order |
| | 520 | 505 | 42 | DIS | Daily Planet (N) | | Destroyed | Destroyed | Destroyed | Destroyed | MythBusters | | Daily Planet |
| | 575 | 583 | 43 | CMT | Weddings | Hollywood | Home Improve. | Home Improve. | Reba | Reba | Hope & Faith | Hope & Faith | Cheerleaders |
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| | 294 | 529 | 47 | TBS | House-Payne | House-Payne | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | *The Cookout* ★ (2004, Comedy) Ja Rule. | | |
| | 600 | 564 | 49 | H&G | House Hunters | Property Virgin | Holmes on Homes | | The Fix | Disaster DIY | Home to Flip | Real Renos | Holmes-Homes |
| | 627 | 528 | 50 | SPC | Rabbit Fall | Rabbit Fall | Lost "Confidence Man" | | Star Trek: Voyager | | Chuck (HDTV) 3D | | Stargate SG-1 |
| | 581 | 566 | 53 | MTV | Mom & Dad | After | MTV News | Cribs | The Real World | | Pete Doherty in 24 Hours | | MTV Live |
| | 618 | 524 | 54 | TROP | Make or Break | Naked Fashion | Family Guy | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Raymond | Family Guy | Married... With | Seinfeld |
| | 522 | 506 | 55 | HIS | NCIS "Brothers in Arms" | | Lost Worlds | | Deep Wreck Mysteries | | NCIS "Brothers in Arms" | | Ancestors |
| | 129 | 773 | 60 | CD | Biographies (HDTV) | | Les Procureurs (HDTV) | | Alliance meurtrière | | Histoires de crimes | | Catastrophe |
| | 261 | 394 | 61 | V | Murder, She Wrote | | Wait for God | 'Allo, 'Allo | *La Bamba* ★★★ (1987, Biography), Esai Morales | | | | Poltergeist |
| | 602 | 567 | 62 | W | Will & Grace | Friends | Divine Design | House | Confidential | Save Us-House | Divine Design-Bedrooms | | Maxed Out |
| | 269 | 350 | 70 | APTN | Suaangan | Wapos Bay | By the Rapids | renegadepress | *Red Planet* ★ (2000, Science Fiction) Val Kilmer. | | | | Rez Rides |
| | 621 | 527 | 71 | TLK | The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N) | | TMZ (N) | etalk | Sexiest Body Parts | | The Tonight Show-Jay Leno | | TMZ |
| | 603 | 561 | 95 | FN | Chef at Home | Chef at Home | Restaurant Makeover | | Unwrapped | Secret Life of | Family | Glutton-Punish. | Ace of Cakes |

## critics'corner

**Flicker**
The colors, man! This new documentary tells the story of artist and mystic Brion Gysin, who invented a device called the dream machine. Made from a light bulb, a simple motor and a rotating cylinder adorned with cutouts, it was designed to alter one's consciousness and stimulate visions without drugs. Singer Marianne Faithfull, rocker Iggy Pop, filmmaker Kenneth Anger and musician Genesis P-Orridge are among those interviewed about Gysin and his machine. 9 PM on 40 BVO

**30 Rock**
The course of love never runs smooth, and that goes for infatuation, too. Liz (Tina Fey) wants to get to know her handsome new neighbor (Jon Hamm, "Mad Men"), but that proves easier said than done. Elisa's (Salma Hayek) grandmother doesn't approve of her relationship with Jack (Alec Baldwin) because he looks just like the villain in one of her soaps. Partying with the interns takes a toll on Tracy (Tracy Morgan) in the new episode "Generalissimo." 9:31 PM on 15 CITY 9 NBC

**Simon in high-def**
Simon Cowell uses special make-up to appear flawless on TV, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Cowell reportedly insists his make-up artist uses cosmetics which hide his imperfections on high definition TV. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Celebrity Buzz

## Cruise says he's a big fan of car racing

**INTERESTS** Tom Cruise still feels the need for speed, people.com reports. The actor, 46, shares his love of NASCAR and racing in a new interview set to air Friday on ESPN2."For me as a kid growing up, I always wanted to race cars," says Cruise, who starred in the 1990 racing film Days of Thunder. NASCAR, he says, "is a very unique kind of racing that feels very American."

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## Cruz plans karaoke for Oscar night

**CELEBRATING** Win or lose on Oscar night, best supporting actress nominee Penelope Cruz says she plans to celebrate after the show with karaoke, usmagazine.com reports. "I'm sure I will. You know I'm a big fan of karaoke," she said on the Ellen DeGeneres Show. "I have one at home," Cruz says. "I even do it alone sometimes." Her favorite song? "I do a lot of Eminem, Around the Outside," Cruz says. "That's one of my favorites. Yeah, but that (Oscar) night, whatever happens, (we're) going to have to do some karaoke."

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# Former manager sues Britney and her parents

**LAWSUITS** Britney Spears' former manager Sam Lutfi is suing the singer and her parents, Jamie and Lynne Spears, for defamation and breach of contract, L.A. court documents show, people.com reports.

In the lawsuit filed Tuesday, Lutfi is also claiming libel, battery and intentional infliction of emotional distress. "Jamie and Lynne launched a campaign of lies and intimidation designed to destroy Lutfi and drive him out of Britney's life," the papers read.

"This campaign also provided Jamie with the opportunity he needed to obtain an appointment as Britney's conservator."

Additionally, the lawsuit alleges: "Despite seemingly accomplishing their objectives, Jamie and Lynne have nevertheless continued their smear campaign against Lutfi. Thus, having no other alternative, Lutfi brings this action to defend himself against Jamie's and Lynne's persistent attacks."

Last Friday, Britney's father obtained a new restraining order against Lutfi, accusing him of harassing the Spears family.

Lutfi, who says he became Spears' manager after the two met in an L.A. nightclub in 2007, claims his reputation was damaged by Lynne Spears' book, Through the Storm, in which she makes allegations about Lutfi's control over her daughter. He calls the allegations "lies and fabrication."

Lutfi's attorney, Bryan J. Freedman said in a statement Tuesday that there is "overwhelming evidence from independent witnesses" proving his client's case and that "at the time of the trial in this action, the jury will have an opportunity to weigh the credibility of the witnesses."

Lawyers for Jamie Spears weren't immediately available for comment.

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## Four Aussie film stars to appear on stamps

**HONOURS** Nicole Kidman, Russell Crowe, Cate Blanchett and Geoffrey Rush all have Oscars in common, and now each member of the Australian quartet can boast another distinction: They all appear on special edition postage stamps in their native country, people.com reports. "Something like this — when you see your face on a stamp — says 'wow,'" Kidman, 41, told the BBC. She's particularly delighted that her children will one day "lick a stamp, put it on an envelope and say, 'That's my mum.'" Blanchett, 39, said the honour made her feel "utterly, deeply humbled ... I'm going to be licked by millions of Australians and I can't wait." The stamps show each star in two guises: In character for their Oscar-winning roles and as their glamorous selves. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Joaquin insists he's serious about music career

**REINVENTIONS** Joaquin Phoenix insists he's getting a bum rap, people.com reports. "There's not a hoax," Phoenix tells the Associated Press of doubts about his sudden conversation from movie star to hip-hop artist.

"Might I be ridiculous? Might my career in music be laughable? Yeah, that's possible, but that's certainly not my intention."

Questions about his intentions surfaced after the newly bearded Phoenix, 34, took the stage in Las Vegas on Jan. 16 in an ill-fated debut of his new career.

A video of his performance shows him falling off the stage, though he says it looks worse than it was.

"I had a lot of dudes come up and say, 'We really respect you for doing it, putting yourself out there, and going with it,'" he says.

"Because I think true hip-hop heads know that it's hard, it's going to be a hard transition, and people are going to be lining up just to make fun of me."

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# Is Madonna trying to make A-Rod jealous?

**DATING** Femalefirst.co.uk is suggesting that Madonna is reportedly dating a Brazilian model to make Alex Rodriguez jealous.

The 50-year-old singer, who has been romantically linked to Alex and Jesus Luz since her split from husband Guy Ritchie, is keen to show Alex what he is missing by not fully committing to her, the website reports.

A source told the New York Daily News newspaper: "Madonna likes to be in control, and she hasn't been able to completely control Alex yet.

"Jesus has been much more attentive than Alex recently. If A-Rod will commit to Madonna, then he'll win her affections. But it's not like he's giving her a diamond ring. Neither he nor Madonna is 100 per cent committed to each other yet."

Baseball player Rodriguez, 33, is furious Madonna has been spotted out with 22-year-old Jesus, claiming it has damaged his reputation. The source added: "Alex is well aware that Madonna is out and about with Jesus, and he isn't happy about it. It's embarrassing for him because he and Madonna have been so publicly linked, and now it looks like he's been dumped for a younger stud."

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## Clarkson says she's not gay

**RUMOURS** Get it straight: Kelly Clarkson isn't gay, usmagazine reports. "I get that all the time," she tells AOL's pop culture news site, PopEater.com. "People are like, 'Are you secretly a lesbian? Because I'd really love it.'

"Lesbians tell it to me all the time," she goes on. "I'm like, 'I'm glad it works for you, and I wish I liked women like that because often times, men are very hard for me, but I happen to like boys.'" Clarkson goes on to say she "could never be a lesbian. I would never want to date (someone like) myself, ever. I'm a crazy person. I need some kind of stable, quiet man."

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## Hilary strikes back at Faye

**CATFIGHT** Hilary Duff is set to reprise Faye Dunaway's legendary role as Bonnie in the indie remake of The Story of Bonnie and Clyde — and Dunaway is not pleased, usmagazine.com reports. "Couldn't they have at least cast a real actress?" Dunaway said last week.

Duff retaliated against Dunaway Tuesday. "I think that my fans that are going to go see the movie don't even know who she is, so you know…" she told E!.

"I think it was a little unnecessary but I might be mad if I looked like that now too."

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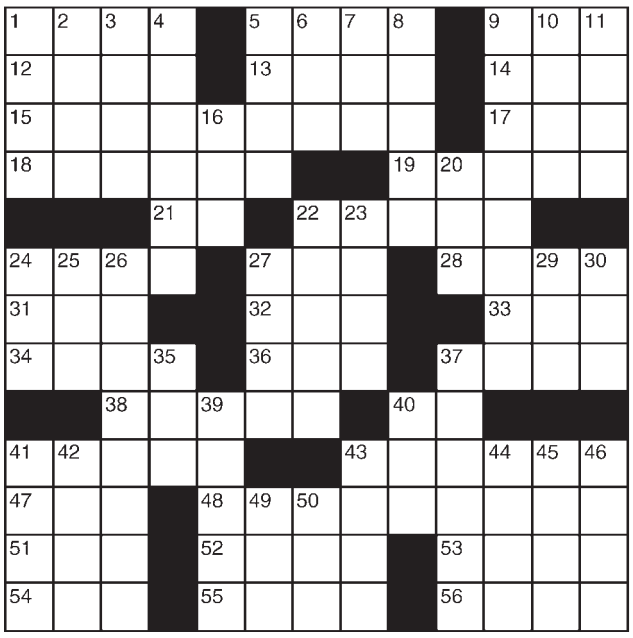

## Crossword across

1 Queequeg's captain
5 Chanteuse Edith
9 Scarlet 12
"Unforgettable" singer
13 Head light?
14 Overseas agreement?
15 Dentist's task
17 Bobby of hockey lore
18 Maintain meagerly
19 "Robinson Crusoe" author
21 Either's partner
22 Stair part
24 "Listen!"
27 Lapdog, for short
28 Weak, as an excuse
31 Carnival city
32 Prune
33 Train component
34 Clean Air Act target
36 Approves
37 Terrier type
38 Sail supports
40 Tagged player
41 Offer bait
43 Scents
47 Eggs
48 One of the Rushmore quartet
51 Obtain
52 Emanation
53 Facility
54 Indivisible
55 Get ready
56 Lento

## Crossword down

1 Farm fraction
2 Coatrack feature
3 Burn remedy
4 Caused (oneself) to go
5 Excellent, in modern lingo
6 Author Fleming
7 Carte lead-in
8 Creases
9 Luggage holder, often
10 Franc replacement
11 Catastrophic
16 Contemptible canine
20 Sushi fish
22 Castles
23 Little devils
24 Store-front sign abbr.
25 Intention
26 Dorm companion
27 Whodunit basis
29 Spring period
30 Anteceding
35 Hiatus
37 Ranges
39 Guitar attachment
40 Rage
41 Not "for here"
42 Divisible by two
43 PDQ
44 Repast
45 Additionally
46 Ragout, e.g.
49 "— Town"
50 Raw rock

## Sudoku

**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**

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Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

## Metro Recipe of the Day

### Middle Eastern Zucchini and Onion Eggah

**INGREDIENTS:**
1/3 cup (75 ml) olive oil
2 onions, thinly sliced
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
4 large eggs
1/3 cup (75 ml) 1% milk
1/3 cup (75 ml) chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley or coriander
2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped fresh dill (optional)
1 large zucchini, halved lengthways, then thinly sliced
Chili sauce or harissa (optional)

**METHOD:**
1. Heat 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil in large frying pan with flameproof handle over medium heat. Add onions and stir 3 minutes, then add garlic and continue frying for 2-3 minutes, stirring occasionally, until onion is soft and golden brown.
2. Meanwhile, beat eggs, herbs and milk together in large bowl. When onions are golden, stir into egg mixture.
3. Heat 2 tbsp (25 ml) oil in pan. Add zucchini and gently fry 5 minutes, stirring frequently, until tender and lightly browned. Add zucchini to egg mixture.
4. Add remaining oil to pan and swirl around to coat edge. Pour in eggs and zucchini, using spatula to spread mixture out. Leave eggah to cook 8 minutes, shaking pan occasionally, until egg mixture is almost set and only a small amount of unset mixture remains on surface. Meanwhile, preheat grill to high and position grill shelf about 4 in. (10 cm) from heat.
5. Place pan under grill and grill eggah 2–3 minutes until surface is just set. Run spatula around edge and invert onto large platter. Serve immediately or set aside and leave to cool. Serve cut into wedges, sprinkled with chili sauce or harissa, if you like.

**SERVES 4**

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## Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

**ARIES**
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Being resentful will only do you harm. It's your turn to be taken care of, after you've exhausted yourself. An obstinate friend will help you out.

**TAURUS**
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Things won't change just because you were told they would. You'll see the other side of a very sad story. Don't let your particular talents atrophy.

**GEMINI**
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Neglect of safety precautions causes an accident. Nothing changes your mind about your values. Modify a faltering relationship without being cruel.

**CANCER**
JUNE 22-JULY 22
All you want is respect and consideration. After intense dialogues, an issue will be resolved. Find a happy medium.

**LEO**
JULY 23-AUG 23
When shady characters want another chance, just say no. Take a stand with unappreciative people. Don't let a wounded ego injure the innocent.

**VIRGO**
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Avert crisis by not responding to malicious comments. Fear of the unknown causes withdrawal. Don't rescue anyone who needs to stand on their own.

**LIBRA**
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Indecision makes someone feel like a martyr. Revisit the scene of a crime to clear up a misunderstanding. You'll get the best results from talking it out.

**SCORPIO**
OCT 24-NOV 22
People cringe when you speak your mind. Insecurity due to a forced change will frustrate you. Some harsh facts will hit an alienated friend too hard.

**SAGITTARIUS**
NOV 23-DEC 21
An angry man says the wrong thing about your opinions. Someone's need for affection is a problem. Keep track of all the issues that cause insomnia.

**CAPRICORN**
DEC 22-JAN 20
Handle overwrought emotions with extreme care. You'll work harder to complete tasks. Don't ask what love can do for you, but what you can do for love.

**AQUARIUS**
JAN 21-FEB 18
Allow yourself to be sentimental if the urge arises. You'll seek understanding because of a moral dilemma. Be kind when some big plans come to a halt.

**PISCES**
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Veer away from discord when a man interferes with your enjoyment. Your determination will help you to succeed. Stand firm if an injustice takes place.

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